

## CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method for tuning a speech recognition process, comprising the steps of:
  - 2 (a) maintaining a database of utterances;
  - 3 (b) collecting information associated with the utterances in the database utilizing
  - 4 a speech recognition process;
  - 5 (c) transmitting the utterances in the database to a plurality of users utilizing a
  - 6 network;
  - 7 (d) receiving transcriptions of the utterances in the database from the users
  - 8 utilizing the network;
  - 9 (e) tuning the speech recognition process utilizing the information and the
  - 10 transcriptions.
- 1 2. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the network includes the Internet.
- 1 3. The method as recited in claim 2, wherein the transcriptions of the utterances  
2 are received from the users using a network browser.
- 1 4. The method as recited in claim 1, wherein the speech recognition process is  
2 tuned by performing experiments based on the information.
- 1 5. The method as recited in claim 4, wherein the information includes a  
2 recognition result.
- 1 6. A computer program product for tuning a speech recognition process,  
2 comprising:
  - 3 (a) computer code for maintaining a database of utterances;

- 4 (b) computer code for collecting information associated with the utterances in  
5 the database utilizing a speech recognition process;  
6 (c) computer code for transmitting the utterances in the database to a plurality of  
7 users utilizing a network;  
8 (d) computer code for receiving transcriptions of the utterances in the database  
9 from the users utilizing the network;  
10 (e) computer code for tuning the speech recognition process utilizing the  
11 information and the transcriptions.

1 7. The computer program product as recited in claim 6, wherein the network  
2 includes the Internet.

1 8. The computer program product as recited in claim 7, wherein the  
2 transcriptions of the utterances are received from the users using a network  
3 browser.

1 9. The computer program product as recited in claim 6, wherein the speech  
2 recognition process is tuned by performing experiments based on the  
3 information.

1 10. The computer program product as recited in claim 9, wherein the information  
2 includes a recognition result.

1 11. A system for tuning a speech recognition process, comprising:

- 2 (a) logic for maintaining a database of utterances;  
3 (b) logic for collecting information associated with the utterances in the database  
4 utilizing a speech recognition process;  
5 (c) logic for transmitting the utterances in the database to a plurality of users  
6 utilizing a network;  
7 (d) logic for receiving transcriptions of the utterances in the database from the  
8 users utilizing the network;

9 (e) logic for tuning the speech recognition process utilizing the information and  
10 the transcriptions.

1 12. The system as recited in claim 11, ~~wherein~~ the network includes the Internet.

1 13. The system as recited in claim 12, wherein the transcriptions of the  
2 utterances are received from the users using a network browser.

1 14. The system as recited in claim 11, wherein the speech recognition process is  
2 tuned by performing experiments based on the information.

1     15.     The system as recited in claim 14, wherein the information includes a  
2     recognition result.